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Dr. Raymond Orbach  
Under Secretary for Science  
U.S. Department of Energy  
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Dear Dr. Orbach,

The recent National Research Council review of the plan for U.S. participation in ITER contained what we believe is a crucial finding: "The committee's greatest concern is that the U.S. commitment to ITER appears to be uncertain at the present time. This uncertainty threatens the U.S. role in ITER and the future benefit to U.S. fusion program goals and national energy goals".

At our meeting last month, the Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee unanimously passed a resolution echoing this concern and noting the damage already caused by the lack of stable funding. As the federal budget process moves forward, we urge you to continue your steadfast support of this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martin Greenwald".

Martin Greenwald  
Chair, Fusion Science Advisory Committee

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